

## Eaton Vale Scout and Guide Activity Centre (EVAC)



### An introduction to EVAC

Eaton Vale Scout and Guide Activity Centre (EVAC) opened in 1982, evolving into the centre and facility that it is today from 2002.

Set on a beautiful 13.5 acre site close to Norwich and with easy access to good transport links, we offer a range of residential facilities and a wide variety of outdoor activities. We are jointly owned and managed by Norfolk Scouts and Girlguiding Norfolk County. The trustee board is made up of representatives from each organisation.

As a scout and guide activity centre we strongly believe that by enabling young people to access adventure and challenge we can be a catalyst for growth and development.

Whilst our vision and mission are rooted in the ethos of both scouting and guiding, we strongly believe that whoever they are, wherever they are from, young people can do amazing things and we are passionately committed to ensuring that we offer these opportunities widely and to all.

Experiences at our centre enable young people to develop skills to thrive long into the future, supporting them in developing a genuine belief in themselves, creating a better future for them and others.

It is an extremely powerful ethos and as the chairman of the EVAC trustee board you will play a huge part in providing the guidance, support and direction to enable EVAC to continue to meet its objectives and in doing so would be enabling many young people to become positive citizens and effective contributors to society.

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Company Limited by Guarantee

Registered Charity No 1073816

Companies House registration 03659373

Website: [www.eatonvale.co.uk](http://www.eatonvale.co.uk)

## Chairman - Board of Trustees



### Key responsibilities:

- To provide leadership to the EVAC trustee board and ensure that all trustees fulfil their duties and responsibilities related to the proper governance of the charity.
- To ensure the charity achieves its strategic objectives.
- To ensure the smooth running of trustee board meetings.
- To create productive relationships with and among individual trustees.
- To create an environment conducive to a high performing trustee board.
- To ensure appropriate line management and support for the centre manager.
- To act as a figurehead or spokesperson where required.

The Chairman (and all other trustees) must be able to demonstrate the following skills and values:

- A commitment to the charity
- A commitment to equal opportunities and the promotion of diversity
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to the role
- Strategic vision and the ability to translate this into a structured deliverable plan
- Good, independent judgement
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- An ability to challenge current thinking, the method of governance and management of the organisation in a constructive manner

### Desirable areas of expertise:

- Charity law and governance
- Charity fundraising
- Financial management
- Recruitment and human resources expertise, including employment legislation
- Business development
- Risk management
- Marketing, media and PR
- Experience of a 3<sup>rd</sup> sector youth charity